



COMPARISON OF LOBBYING LAWS – REGISTRATION THRESHOLD

Type of Lobbyist	San Diego ¹ (current)	San Diego ² (proposed)	Los Angeles ³	San Francisco ⁴	County of San Diego ⁵	State of CA ⁶
Contract lobbyist	\$2,625 in a calendar quarter	\$1	\$1,000 within 3 consecutive months	\$3,200 in a calendar quarter or 25 contacts within 2 consecutive months	\$0 (Any attempt to influence a County decision by anyone who makes personal or telephone contact with County official)	\$2,000 in a calendar month or 1/3 of time in calendar month
Organization lobbyist	\$2,625 in a calendar quarter	10 contacts with City Officials within 60 calendar days	30 compensated hours within 3 consecutive months	25 contacts within 2 consecutive months	\$0 (Any attempt to influence a County decision by anyone who makes personal or telephone contact with County official)	1/3 of time in calendar month
Expenditure lobbyist	n/a	\$5,000 within 90 calendar days	\$5,000 in a calendar quarter	\$3,200 within 3 consecutive months	n/a	n/a

¹ Current San Diego Municipal Code §§ 27.4005

² Proposed San Diego Municipal Code § 27.4002

³ L.A. Municipal Lobbying Ordinance § 48.02

⁴ San Francisco Campaign and Government Conduct Code § 2.105

⁵ San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances § 23.102

⁶ California Government Code §§ 18238.5, 18239, 18239.5



COMPARISON OF LOBBYING LAWS – INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION FORM

Category	San Diego ¹ (current)	San Diego ² (proposed)	Los Angeles ³	San Francisco ⁴	County of San Diego ⁵	State of CA ⁶
Firm or individual registers?	Individual	Firm and/or organization	Both	Either entity or individual	Either entity or individual	Firm and/or organization
Lobbyist information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Names of officers and/or employees	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Names of Client/s	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nature/purpose of filer's or client's business	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Client authorization	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Decisions to be influenced	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Outcome sought	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Agency to be lobbied	No	No	Yes	No	Yes (departments and names of Supervisors)	Yes
Compensation received or promised	No	No	No	Yes (within past two months)	No	No
Previous contacts	No	Yes (for organization lobbyists)	No	Yes (within past two months)	No	No

Category	San Diego¹ (current)	San Diego² (proposed)	Los Angeles³	San Francisco⁴	County of San Diego⁵	State of CA⁶
Campaign contributions	No	No	No	Yes (within past two months; itemize \$100 or more)	No	No
Campaign fundraising	No	Yes; name of any current elected official for whom at least \$1,000 was raised within past 2 years	No	Yes (within past two months; itemize \$100 or more)	No	No
Compensated campaign services	No	Yes; for any current elected official within past 2 years	No	No	No	No
City contracts	No	Yes; any contract services provided within past 2 years	No	No	No	No
Amendments	Any change in information filed with next quarterly disclosure report	Filed within 10 calendar days of discovery	Filed within 10 calendar days of discovery	Required but no timeframe specified	Not addressed	Filed within 20 calendar days of discovery
Other Information	n/a	n/a	Training required every two years	(1) Must register before contacting city official; (2) Re-registration reports must include date of most recent training	n/a	Photograph of each lobbyist & training certification

¹ Current San Diego Municipal Code §§ 27.4007, 27.4009, 27.4012

² Proposed San Diego Municipal Code §§ 27.4007, 27.4009, 27.4012

³ L.A. Municipal Lobbying Ordinance § 48.07(D),(E),(G),(I)

⁴ San Francisco Campaign and Government Conduct Code §2.110

⁵ San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances §23.104

⁶ California Government Code §§ 86100, 86103, 86104, 86105, 86107



COMPARISON OF LOBBYING LAWS – CONTENTS OF QUARTERLY DISCLOSURE REPORTS

Category	San Diego ¹ (current)	San Diego ² (proposed)	Los Angeles ³	San Francisco ⁴	County of San Diego ⁵	State of CA ⁶
Firm or individual files?	Individual	Firm or organization	Both	Either entity or individual	Either entity or individual	Both
Lobbyist information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Names of officers and/or employees	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Names of Client/s	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Compensation Received	Yes, in following ranges: (\$0-\$5,000; \$5,000–25,000; \$25,000–50,000; Over \$50,000)	Yes, to nearest \$1,000 (for lobbying firms)	Yes (total payments received)	Yes (total payments promised and total payments received)	No	Yes (total payments received)
Number of contacts	No	Yes (for organization lobbyists)	No (but organization lobbyists required to disclose compensation paid to employees)	No (but organization lobbyists required to disclose compensation paid to employees)	No	No (but lobbyist employers must disclose payments to employees who spend 10% of time in one month on lobbying)
Decisions influenced	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Category	San Diego ¹ (current)	San Diego ² (proposed)	Los Angeles ³	San Francisco ⁴	County of San Diego ⁵	State of CA ⁶
Outcome sought	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Identity of City Official lobbied	No	Yes (name and department)	Yes (department or agency; not name of individual)	Yes (name, title, and department)	No	Yes (agency or department name must be identified for administrative actions)
Activity expenses (includes consulting fees, salaries, & other forms of compensation)	Yes if \$10 or more on one occasion or \$50 or more aggregate during reporting period	Yes if \$10 or more on one occasion during reporting period	Yes, if \$25 or more	Yes (all expenses regardless of amount)	Yes if \$25 or more on one occasion or \$100 or more aggregate during reporting period (gifts from lobbyist to elected officials and candidates are prohibited)	Yes (all expenses regardless of amount)
Campaign contributions	No	Yes (itemize \$100 or more)	Yes (itemize \$100 or more)	Yes (itemize \$100 or more)	Yes (itemize \$100 or more; note that contributions are prohibited if official is identified on lobbyist registration as someone the lobbyist will attempt to influence)	Yes (itemize \$100 or more)
Campaign fundraising	No	Yes if \$1,000 or more raised; include name of candidate, date & description of activity, and approximate amount raised	Yes; include name of candidate, date of activity, and amount raised	Yes; itemize \$100 or more; include name of candidate and indicate whether the filer delivered or arranged the contribution or whether a client made the contribution at the lobbyist's behest	No	No

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Compensated campaign services	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
City contracts	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Amendments	Not addressed	Filed within 10 calendar days of discovery	Not addressed	Not addressed	Not addressed	Not addressed
Miscellaneous	n/a	n/a	Must disclose contributions of \$1,000 or more made at behest of city officials to other candidates and/or to charitable or nonprofit organizations	Must separately disclose gift tickets and admissions to political and charitable fundraisers	n/a	Invitations from lobbyists must include a disclosure indicating that attendance at the event constitutes acceptance of a reportable gift. (§86112.3)

¹ Current San Diego Municipal Code §§ 27.4017

² Proposed San Diego Municipal Code §§ 27.4015, 27.4017, 27.4018

³ L.A. Municipal Lobbying Ordinance § 48.08, 48.08.5

⁴ San Francisco Campaign and Government Conduct Code §2.110(d)

⁵ San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances §23.106

⁶ California Government Code §§ 86112 – 86116; FPPC Regs. 18613, 18616



COMPARISON OF LOBBYING LAWS – MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

Issue	San Diego (current)	San Diego (proposed)	Los Angeles	San Francisco	County of San Diego	State of California
City Official defined	Elected officeholders, City board members, or City employees (other than purely clerical) (§27.4002)	List of 29 positions identified in ordinance (§27.4002)	Elected or appointed officers, members, employees, or consultants who qualify as public officials pursuant to state law (those who file SEIs) (§48.02)	Any officer of the City and County of San Francisco (§2.105)	List of 21 positions included in ordinance (§23.102)	Any employee (other than purely clerical) (§82004, 82038)
Fees	\$40 registration \$15 per client (§27.4010)	Fees to be set by Council and filed in Clerk's Rate Book of Fees; fees must be based on administration costs (§27.4010)	\$450 registration \$75 per client (§48.07)	\$500 registration \$75 per client (§2.110(e))	None	\$25 (§86102)
On-line filing	No provision	Required when system is implemented (§27.4010)	Required (§48.06.1)	Required when system is implemented (§2.160)	No provision	Required if \$5000 or more in activity in quarter (84605(d))

Issue	San Diego (current)	San Diego (proposed)	Los Angeles	San Francisco	County of San Diego	State of California
Campaign contributions by lobbyist banned?	No	No	Yes (Charter § 470(c)(11))	No	Yes, for offices the lobbyist has indicated on registration that he or she will attempt to influence. (§23.109)	Yes, if the lobbyist is registered to lobby the governmental agency of the candidate or officer. (§85702)
Campaign consultants banned from lobbying?	No	No	No	Yes (§2.117)	No	No
Gift limits?	No (other than \$360 limit set forth in state and local ethics laws)	Yes (\$10 in a calendar month) (§27.4030)	Yes (Officials may not accept any gifts from lobbyists) (§49.5.10(A)(4))	Yes (\$50 within 3 months of contacting an official) (§2.115)	Yes. (Elected officials and candidates may not accept any gifts from registered lobbyists) (§23.109.5)	Yes (\$10 in a calendar month) (§86203)
Acting as intermediary for gifts prohibited?	No	Yes (if more than \$10 in a calendar month) (§27.4030)	Yes (§ 49.5.10(A)(5))	Yes (within 3 months of contacting an official) (§ 2.115)	No	Yes (§86203)
Contingent fees prohibited	No	No	No	No	No	Yes (for administrative & legislative actions, but not contracts) (§86205(f))

Issue	San Diego (current)	San Diego (proposed)	Los Angeles	San Francisco	County of San Diego	State of California
Notification to Beneficiary of Activity Expense	Yes, within 20 business days (§27.4014)	Unnecessary if gifts over \$10 are prohibited	No	Yes, within 30 days after the end of a calendar quarter (note that gifts over \$50 are prohibited within 3 months of contacting an official) (§2.125)	No	Yes, within 30 days after the end of a calendar quarter (note that gifts over \$10 are prohibited) (§86112.5)

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